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In re Application of
Louis D. FALO et al
Application No.: 09/282,679
Attorney Docket No.: 076333-0354

: DECISION ON PETITION
: UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(b)

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed March 28, 2005 to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The petition satisfies the conditions for revival pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b) in that (1) a continuation application has been filed; (2) the petition fee; and (3) the required statement of unintentional delay have been received with an explanation as to the long delay in filing the petition to revive the above-identified application.

The above-identified application has been abandoned for an extended period of time. The Patent and Trademark Office is relying on petitioner's duty of candor and good faith and accepting the statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional. See Changes to Patent Practice and Procedure, 62 Fed. Reg. at 53160 and 53178; 1203 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office at 88 and 103 (responses to comments 64 and 109) (applicant obligated under 37 CFR 10.18 to inquire into the underlying facts and circumstances when providing the statement required by 37 CFR 1.137(b) to the Patent and Trademark Office).

The above-identified application is being revived solely for purposes of continuity. As continuity has been established by this decision reviving the above-identified application, the above-identified application is again abandoned in favor of continuing application No. 11/090,122.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Rafael Bacares at (571) 272-3276 or in his absence, the undersigned at (571) 272-3217.

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